Pending mercy petitions

2248. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed the Centre to take a fresh look at all the mercy petitions pending before President of India;

(b) if so, the details of the pending cases; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) While deciding the Criminal Appeal No. 338 of 2007, the Supreme Court of India *vide* its order dated 18th September, 2009 has reminded the concerned Governments to dispose of the mercy petitions expeditiously.

(b) The details of mercy petitions pending under Article 72 are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) The cases of mercy petitions are processed expeditiously in consultation with the concerned Governments for a final decision of the President of India under Article 72 of the Constitution. However, the power under Article 72 of the Constitution does not contain any limitation as to the time, in which the power conferred might be exercised.

Statement

Details/status of pending mercy petitions under article 72 of constitution from condemned prisoner

1. Gurmeet Singh, Uttar Pradesh.
2. Shyam Manohar, Sheo Ram, Prakash, Suresh, Ravinder and Harish, Uttar Pradesh.
3. Dharmender Kumar and Narender Yadav, Uttar Pradesh.
4. Piara Singh, Sarabjit Singh, Gurdev Singh and Satnam Singh, Punjab.
5. Shobhit Chamar, Bihar.
6. Mohan and Gopi, Tamil Nadu.
7. Molai Ram and Santosh, Madhya Pradesh.
8. Dharam Pal, Haryana.
9. Mahender Nath Das, Assam.
10. S.B. Pingale, Maharashtra.
11. Jai Kumar, Madhya Pradesh.
12. Suresh and Ramji, Uttar Pradesh.
13. Murugan, Santhan and Arivu, Tamil Nadu.
14. Sheikh Meeran, Selvam and Radhakrishnan, Tamil Nadu.

15. Om Prakash, Uttarakhand.

16. Devender Pal Singh, Delhi.

17. Simon, Ghanaprakash, Madaih, Bilavendra, Karnataka.

18. Praveen Kumar, Karnataka.

19. Satish, Uttar Pradesh.

20. Sushil Murmu, Jharkhand.

21. Mohd. Afzal, Delhi.

22. Saibanna, Karnataka.

23. Kunwar Bhadur Singh and Karan Bahadur Singh, Uttar Pradesh.

24. Laliya Doom and Shivlal, Rajasthan.

25. Jafar Ali, Uttar Pradesh.

26. Sonia and Sanjeev, Haryana.

27. Bandu Baburao Tidake, Karnataka.

28. Sattan and Guddu, Uttar Pradesh.

29. Bantu, Uttar Pradesh.

Proposals from Madhya Pradesh under rehabilitation of bonded labour scheme

†2249. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh under rehabilitation of bonded labour scheme;

(b) if so, the number of districts for which proposals received from Madhya Pradesh under the rehabilitation scheme for Beedi labourers; and

(c) the action being taken thereon and by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Release of Central Assistance to Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour during the last five years and also in current year is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) No proposal has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for rehabilitation of Beedi labourers.

(c) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.